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Credentials of representatives to the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Mr. Carl **Peersman** (Netherlands)

1. On 16 June 2004, the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Barbados, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, India, Madagascar, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands and Singapore.

2. The Credentials Committee held three meetings on 16 and 17 June 2004.

3. Mr. Carl Peersman (Netherlands) was unanimously elected Chairperson.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 15 June 2004, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary made statements supplementing the memorandum with regard to including those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meetings, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 78 States participating in the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Greece, Germany, Grenada, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Madagascar, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the

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Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, as orally supplemented during the meetings, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbale from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 27 States participating in the Fourteenth Meeting: Brazil, Cuba, Djibouti, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Nigeria, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Togo, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

8. The Chairperson proposed that the Credentials Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meetings of the Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 15 June 2004, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meetings of the Credentials Committee,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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"*The Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."